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1. DDR international law specialists recently attended a three-week conference in Bad Elster. The purpose of the conference, directed by Professor Alfons Steiniger, was to bring together all legal arguments against the agreements which the West German Federal Republic had concluded with the Western Powers during the past month.

2. A delegation composed of two Soviet legal experts and two Soviet officials from Berlin-Karlshorst presented the DDR specialists with international law material derived from the diplomatic apparatus of the USSR. With this material, the East Zone lawyers prepared a documentary report proving, according to the precepts of international law, that the agreements between the German Federal Republic and the West, including the Schuman Plan, were without legal foundation and could always be attacked and declared illegal by representatives of a unified Germany.

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4. At the convention of international lawyers which took place in Hamburg during the first week of April 1952, Professors Steiniger and Leo Zuckermann tried to force approval of a resolution which they sponsored attacking the legality of the Schuman Plan and the Contractual Agreement. The resolution was, however, rejected, since its Eastern political intent was clear.

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